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Subject: National Do Not Call List

The State of Indiana enacted a "telephone privacy" statute. My wife and I placed our name on Indiana's "Do Not Call List". This statute works very well. Prior to having our number listed we received at minimum two telemarketing calls a day. Many of these calls were at inconvenient times, seven in the morning, during the dinner hour and as late as ten at night. In today's fast moving society quality home time is a precious commodity that should not be interrupted by unwanted telemarketing.

Telephone solicitation calls are most definitely an invasion of privacy. We added caller ID to our telephone service to thwart these unwanted calls. However we do not have caller ID on every phone in our home due to cost. If we determined it was a telemarketer from caller ID the call rolled over to voice mail and the solicitation message was left on voice mail. Obviously, it takes our time to purge the unwanted solicitation from voice mail.

Indiana statute makes exceptions for charities, political parties and candidates. We received many political campaign calls for the recent election. We were annoyed at the times calls were received, some as early as 6:30 A. M. The early calls were most likely due to the multiple time zones within Indiana. However, political calls are tolerable since they do inform voters and hopefully get people out to vote. If this encourages people to vote, it is a good exception

Please, do not enact rule changes that weaken Indiana telephone privacy laws. Telephone subscribers should have the right to choose how they want to use the services that they purchase. There are other sources available to vendors of goods and services to market and sell their wares i.e. newspapers, periodicals, direct mail, television ads, infomercials, yellow pages etc. We find these sources more than adequate to make informed purchasing decisions. Indiana's telephone privacy law works and works well for the intended purpose!